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BAHRAIN, OCT. 20, REUTER -- THE GULF STATE OF BAHRAIN TODAY UNILATERALLY CANCELED AN AGREEMENT GIVING THE UNITED STATES NAVY DOCK FACILITIES HERE, SAYING IT HAD GIVEN WASHINGTON A WEEKS WARNING THIS WOULD HAPPEN IF IT CONTINUED ITS "HOSTILE STAND AGAINST THE ARAB NATION."

IN ADDITION TO THE DOCKING FACILITY FOR THE BASE SHIP LA SALLE AT BAHRAINS MINA (PORT) SULMAN, THE U.S. NAVY HAS PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES ON SHORE BELIEVED TO TOTAL AROUND 250.

THERE WAS NO INDICATION IN A GOVERNMENT STATEMENT, HANDED TO THE U.S. CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TODAY BY FOREIGN MINISTER SHEIKH MOHAMMED BIN MUBARAK AL-KHALIFA, HOW LONG THE AMERICANS WERE GIVEN TO COMPLETE THE PULLOUT.

BUT THERE HAD BEEN REPORTS THEY WERE ON STANDBY SEVERAL DAYS AGO.

THE CANCELED AGREEMENT DATES FROM DECEMBER, 1971, WHEN THE U.S. NAVY TOOK OVER FACILITIES AT JUFAIR, LEFT VACANT WHEN THE BRITISH WITHDREW FORCES FROM THE GULF.

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